

Who's side are You on

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Greetings in the name of Jesus. It's a blessing to be here this morning. Thankful to be here.

Glad to see everyone. Appreciated all the thoughts shared and the comments. Just glad and thankful and blessed to be here.

We stand for prayer. Heavenly Father, we thank you for this beautiful day and this time that you have given us. We ask that you would bless us and encourage us.

That we can pursue your kingdom and be there for you. We need your help and we thank you for all the blessings you have given us. Bless each one here and just be with us.

In the name of Jesus, Amen. I like that thought. The Lord is to be trusted.

Yeah, he's worthy to be trusted. My thought was, on whose side are you on? Whose side are we striving for? And I would trust that all of us would say, we're striving for the King who came, the Lord of Lords. But God has been God of all the universe and all the people, but most people don't serve him.

There's this danger of us falling away. There's this danger of us becoming tired and weak. We encourage one another.

We need to do that whenever we have the chance. We don't have the longest time to live. The other day I had the thought that if the time is short for Satan, that must mean our time is short too.

I'm thinking about that in Revelation. He's going to make war with those that are left behind because he knows that his time is short. And how much shorter is our time than 2,000 years? It's... So I was going to try and make... Can I use different examples? People that live at the same time.

There's Abram and there's Cain. The one... This would be in Genesis 4. Just this big difference of outcome in how we respond to God, how we respond to... I think like Buddy would have said, there's an actual thing, if I understood him correctly. How do we act this out in the flesh? And so in Genesis 4.3 it says, In the course of time came blood to the Lord, an offering of the fruit of the ground.

And Abram, for his part, brought out the firstlings of his flock. Fat portions, and the Lord had regard for Abel and his offerings. But for Cain and his offerings he had no regard.

So Cain was very angry and his countenance fell. Isn't this so natural in our... I don't know if any of us have come to the place where our countenance cannot fall. Like something happens and we're kind of... Maybe some of us have come to the place where we just go right through that.

It doesn't affect us. That's where we need to press to be. But here Cain's countenance fell.

And this is one of my favorite verses. On the simplicity of how God talks to people. The Lord said to Cain, Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? Why are you depressed? Why have you given up? Why are you discouraged? If you do well, will you not be accepted? Will you not be accepted? So, will we be accepted if we do well? Can we not trust? Is there not something in us that we feel well? If we do well, we feel good, we feel well.

If you do well, will you not be accepted? If you do not do well, sin is lurking at the door. It's decided for you. But you must master it.

This is instruction from God's mouth to Cain. He didn't... He disobeyed God. He did not listen to God's counsel.

He did not accept God. Right after that, or the next day... It just says, Cain said to his brother, Let's go out in the field. I wasn't going to get into that.

Then there's Isaac. There's probably many more. But then there's Isaac and Ishmael.

Ishmael... Isaac was a son of promise. Ishmael was born before... Ishmael was born to Abraham before Isaac. But he was the son from a slave woman.

He was not the son of promise. So, after Ishmael was born, God told Abraham plainly that this is not the son you're looking for. And Isaac was the son of promise.

And he had something that Ishmael didn't have. I think it's Ishmael that said that his hand would be against the hand of everybody else. And everybody else's hand would be against his hand.

And that's still going today. If you need any evidence of something that has stood for... Not the only thing that stood for this long, but... One other thing that stood for this long. This is still happening today.

Jacob would be another one I thought of. He was blessed. Even though in some of our minds it seems like he got blessed in a wrong way.

But he got blessed. And the heritage went through him. Up to Christ.

Not through Esau. There's other things about that that I don't understand. Like Jacob, I have hated.

And Esau... Sorry. Esau, I have hated. And Jacob, I have loved.

Even before they were born. And Esau missed his blessing even though he was the oldest son. He was born first.

They were twins. The first should be last and the last should be first. It seems like this pattern has also been in the Old Testament to some degree.

Quite often. Like there'd be blessings from people that shouldn't have had blessings. And then people that should have been blessed were cursed.

Disobeyed, basically. And in all these examples... These men had the ability and the freedom of will to obey God. Father David and Saul... Saul would have been first.

He was chosen by God to be king over Israel. And he was humble. God could use him.

But then he disobeyed. And when you disobey God, we have to expect consequences. Even this life and the life to come.

In this case, his kingdom was taken from him because he disobeyed God. He did not find God worthy to be trusted. So he disobeyed him.

I think that one time... Maybe it was the last time, I'm not quite sure. Like there's this big army gathering against him. And Samuel had told him, You wait until you sacrifice before God.

But Samuel didn't show up. I think God intended it that way for a test. He didn't show up.

He didn't show up. Robert, I don't know how many days he didn't show up. I can't remember.

About seven days. And this army was gathering against him. He was afraid.

He was scared. And to finally he did sacrifice himself. Then he showed up.

The prophet Samuel. And it was not good. When we disobey God, we should expect that there's going to be consequences.

On the other hand, we can say David wasn't a perfect man either. But he was a man after God's own heart. He pressed on into God.

He did not turn away from God. He kept pressing into it even though he had some very serious consequences he took from being disobedient. For that matter, Moses took great consequences for being disobedient to God.

God told him to, I think maybe speak to the rock. And he hit the rock. And because of that, he was not allowed to go into Canaan.

God took him up on a high mountain. He could see Canaan, but he never was allowed to go into it. Because he was disobedient.

So David, he, that one time, they had been out on, they did these kind of things back then. Went out on hunting trips against men. Destroying the ungodly, I guess.

I don't quite fully understand all that why that had to be that way. But I'm going to take it that we need to destroy the ungodly in ourselves. Anything that's not good in ourselves, we need to destroy.

Get rid of it. So David was out with his men, 400 men I think. Maybe 600.

The women, the children. And they're all in one place. And another radio army comes along and takes all these children, all of their animals, everything they had.

Took it off. Took it away. So back then, they didn't have cell phones.

They didn't have walkie-talkies. They didn't even have cars. They didn't have tanks.

They walked or rode horses. Horses were probably the fastest things they had. I don't, it doesn't, maybe it does say.

I can't remember if it says how many, how long, how long time it went until they finally got back home, back to their camp. Everybody was gone. And these, I can't remember the names, but this radio army had taken everything away.

And the men, instead of standing behind David, said, they're thinking of stoning David because they were so upset. They were just, they were depressed. They were, they couldn't, they couldn't hardly take it.

So they thought of killing David, their leader. And there's another favorite of mine, something that he said, I don't know if any of you remember that, and I don't, I'm not sure I can quote it exactly, but something to the effect of, he strengthened himself in the Lord and asked God what to do. He strengthened himself.

Everybody was against him. His family was gone. His wives were gone.

His children were gone. It looked like, like there was no hope. These were tests I think David went through.

God was testing David. He tested him many times. It almost appears to me like Saul, he put him there, he looked like a good man, he put him in there, but it turned out that he wasn't very good.

So before he put David in there, he tested him and tested him and tested him. I feel that kind of severely. And most of those tests, he came through a shining example.

Like he strengthened himself in the Lord, and then he asked God what to do. Or maybe he asked what he should do after them. I can't remember.

Then he went after this whole army and they overtook him. And I guess he would chase them off or kill them. I'm not sure what all happened to him.

But he got everything back. Everything that they took off with, they got it back. Wives, their children, their animals, their tents, they got everything back.

And they like it even more. They also probably took back what others had. So this is the man I forgot so hard.

Are we on that side or are we on Saul's side? Are we on Jacob's side, being blessed, or are we on Esau's side? Are we on Isaac's side? Are we on the side of promise or are we from the slave women? Well, Noah was in Genesis 6, 8. Sorry. Yeah, it was 6, 8. But Noah found favor in the sight of God. Then he goes through the descendants in 9, 10.

And Noah had three sons. Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight. The earth was filled with violence.

And God saw the earth was corrupt. For all flesh had corrupted its ways upon the earth. And God said to Noah, I have determined to make an end of all flesh.

For the earth is filled with violence because of them. Now I'm going to destroy them along with the earth. So Noah found favor in the sight of God.

Does this just happen? Noah just happened to breathe. There's nothing that Noah did. It says Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation.

Noah walked with God. This is what we have to do. Only we can be like this.

Genesis 6, 5. The Lord saw the wickedness of mankind was great in the earth. And every inclination and thoughts of the heart were only evil continually. And the Lord was sorry that he had made humankind on earth and grieved him in his heart.

They would not allow God to strive with them anymore. I think very subtly that happens to us. It has happened to some among us already.

It can happen to us. This is why we need to be awake. And this is why we need to encourage one another continually.

To press on into the heavenly kingdom. There is nothing else. So again, which side are we on? In a lot of these cases, we will find a few righteous people and many unrighteous.

Like in the case of Abel and Cain, there's only two. But in the case of Noah, it was like... Let's see, 1, 2. Yeah, it was 8 souls. Versus millions? In Jesus' time.

The owl forsook him and fled. He was accepting the one that was tied to the cross beside him and couldn't flee away. Never had this thought before.

But if somebody had just turned him loose and sat him there and said, Okay, deny Christ or leave. I wonder if he would have fled. Given God's attunement.

I don't know. We're pretty weak. We need to be humble.

I don't know. I tend to think maybe he wouldn't. I don't know.

It's something we don't know. So there's one thief that was there with him when he died. Giving him support, or liberal support.

All the rest were fled away or were against him. Yeah. Yeah.

I guess I'm thinking about a scripture that says the owl left forsook him. That's what I'm wondering about the degree. There's a name there too, I think.

So, yeah, that's. Peter is also one of those cases where he forsook him. He didn't stay with him.

But I guess I couldn't recommend anybody to forsake Christ and think maybe get a second chance. We tend to think Peter never really forsook him, but he denied him. I don't know if we need to be.

I just don't think it's the right thing to do to deny the Lord. That's in God's hands. I don't know.

Some of those mysteries that God has. So which side are we on? Are we pressing on with our whole hearts and pursuing in Romans 14? Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding. He's actually talking about.

Yeah, maybe I'll just leave. He was talking about judging one another about food and other things. I wasn't attending.

Let us pursue what makes peace and for mutual upbuilding. I could just read a few more. Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God.

Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong for you to make others follow by what you eat. It is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that makes your brother or sister stumble. Just some strong.

I always felt like it was a strong admonition to us to be careful that we don't exploit our liberties that we have. Like the other scripture that says we should live peaceably with all men as much as lies within us. As much as we can.

As much as we can muster up. We need to live peaceably with man. On the other side, John 1.2 is warning to us.

Do not love the world or the things in the world. The love of the Father is not in those who love the world. Like Dwayne said, we can be such a world that we're not.

Even though we may get slain, even though we may lose our lives. What do we care? Because if we love the world, we cannot be of his. For all that is in the world are the desire of the flesh and the desire of the eyes.

And the pride and riches come not from the Father, but from the world. And the world and its desires pass away. And those who do the will of God live forever.

It's quite a contrast. What the world has to offer is just going to disappear. We're going to die or some other country takes over.

Anything we might have just can be gone as a labor. Even our own lives. Our lives are not sure.

We don't know if we'll live the rest of the day. This thing of this earth is passing away. But those who do the will of God live forever.

God is to be trusted. The Lord is to be trusted. The difference is great whether we trust God or whether we start doing things our own way.

First Timothy 6.11 But as for you, man of God, shun all this. We don't know what he's talking about, but we should shun. Teach and urge these duties, whoever teaches otherwise and does not agree with the sound words of the Lord Jesus Christ.

And the teaching that is in accordance with godliness, this conceited understanding of nothing, has a morbid craving for controversy and for disputes about words. From these come envy and dissension, slander, base suspicions. These are things he's talking about.

As for you, man of God, shun all this. Is this something that's still around? I think it is. Something we need to fight against? It is.

We're not out of this life yet. For controversy and for disputes about words, from these come envy, dissension, slander, base suspicions, and wrangling among those who are depraved in mind and bereft of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain. Of course there's great gain in godliness, combined with contentment.

For we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it. That would be another way of saying that all this is going to pass away. We're not going to take anything with us, unless it's going to be doing the will of god.

But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. For those who want to be rich, fall into temptation, are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires, that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil.

In their eagerness to be rich, some are rummaged away from the faith, and pierce themselves with many pains. People that have accepted Christ and are walking in his ways, says in their eagerness to be rich, some have wandered away from the faith, and pierce themselves through with many pains. This is what it says, but as for you men of God, shun all this, and instead of doing this, pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, gentleness, fight the good faith of faith, take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called, and for which you made the good confession, in the presence of many witnesses, in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate, made the good confession, I charge you, to keep the commandment without spot or blame, until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This is an encouragement that, I guess, Paul gave to Timothy. He's talking to godly people, he's talking to the people of God, to keep us godly, to keep us from falling away. I think sometimes the simplicity of the gospel is so easy to understand, that we just tend to miss it.

We start adding things, like in Galatians, they had taken Christ by faith, and then they started adding stuff to it. And he said, he has bewitched you. Why do you think that you can make something better than faith in God? I think maybe he's talking specifically about Old Testament things, but I don't think it would stop there.

When we take a hold of Christ, and we pursue him, we give our life and soul to him, we forsake the world, we embrace and pursue righteousness and holiness, we love our enemies, we embrace... I'm not so trained. But... So, why would we... I lost a bit of feeling when I was saying this before, but... As Christians we need to pursue these things and we have this liberty to choose to be on the side of like Abraham who brought us, he doesn't give much information, but he brought us in sincerity, he wanted to serve God. Abraham came, he had something hidden somewhere and God told him, he had something hidden enough to where he was coming himself and God told him if he does well, will he not be accepted? So this is the thing we can weigh out on.

Like Noah, he was involved with God and like Isaac, he was a son of promise. He could have been a bait too, I don't think he was forced to be the son of promise. He was forced to be Isaac I guess, if you will, but we can choose to do whatever we want to anybody we want, unless we get put in jail or stopped or something or God kills us.

There's many people who have done very wickedly to many people and God just didn't bring judgment on their head immediately, but there will be a judgment for all those things. And so we have liberty too and we can also be unkind and short-tempered and whatever else that we struggle with at different times through the days as we go, I mean I just think we'll get tested. And if we don't learn to also forgive, I don't think we have a very good chance of serving God.

I mean it's very clear that if we don't forgive, we will not be forgiven, but just the fact that I'm sure all of you had to forgive me for things and I know God had to forgive me for things. And I know my family especially had many things to forgive me for and there's just the more contact you have, the more you have to learn that there's just things going to happen. Without forgiveness, maybe we end up like Cain and God has to say, well if you do well, then you'll be accepted, then we can choose to go on and do it our way or we can listen to God.

I was just thinking, I think something got mentioned about the day where I think maybe Joe mentioned about the days we live in or the day we live in, we have grace that's sufficient for that day and I noticed in Peter 3, 13, Who will harm you if you're eager to do what is good? Will do you harm? And some other greedy people too. But we're eager to do good. I was thinking about this virus a little bit and I think all of us do and I'm sure sometimes at least, maybe some of us have forgotten it, I don't know, but it's nothing to fear if we're prepared to die.

I just like the encouragements, when I hear these encouragements that we don't need to live in fear of these things like the world does, they're afraid that something bad's going to happen. Something bad is going to happen. Everybody's going to come to judgment.

We're all going to lose anything. But what it's given in Christ and put in storage and treasures that were stored up in heaven. And if you think we've got a big pile of storage up there, you might have to guess again.

Just a thought I had, I never thought of this before, but I would think that could be pride involved in that. I would probably, off the top of my head I would say, don't think that you've got a big pile up there waiting for you. Just pursue doing righteousness.

Continue on doing what is just. God takes care of that treasure, we don't take care of it actually. We don't put it there and we don't take it away.

Well, I guess we can take away a treasure in heaven by doing evil. So I think I would like to encourage us all to not fear. Now who will harm you if you're eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you're blessed.

Do not fear what they fear and do not be intimidated. But in your heart sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you and accounting for the hope that is in you.

Yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear so that when you are maligned or used badly, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will.

I kind of caught that this last time. If suffering should be God's will. Not everybody suffers all the time.

Sometimes I think people go through life as Christians and they never really faced horrible persecution. I think maybe many people don't. Some do.

Many do. Many have. We need to be prepared to suffer.

If suffering should be God's will, then to suffer for doing evil. Evil men suffer too. More so than some of us have been protected quite a bit from a lot of, at least some of us, evil things.

But we can very easily observe. The jails are full of people. What are they full of? What have they done? Were they being kind? Were they being helpful? Were they giving service to other people and they got put in the jail? Well, that can happen.

Normally what we see in jail is not that way. There's a few, even a few of this kind, from time to time, that have suffered wrongly. For Christ also suffered for sins, ones for all.

The righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the Spirit. And in great Charlestown, he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison.

Well, Lord bless you all. That's all I have. Just hope that we can continue pressing on into this kingdom that is spiritual.

That we somehow play it out in the flesh now. The time is coming when it's going to be all spiritual, I think. Best I can tell.

None of us have been there, but I believe we'll all be there one day. So let's make use of our time the best we can. God bless you.

Feel free to share. Thanks for the message, Walter. I was thinking about the part about not adding to, or having distractions, or anything that would keep you from the pure message of God.

And what Jesus said, like, seek first the kingdom of heaven and all else will be added unto you. And then, that you must be born again. To accept his message as a little child.

And I can think about so many people that would be out on the streets that I'd interact with. And, you know, I might see the evangelists that have their cars all decked out in some kind of a message. But usually it's like intermingled and mixed with like a worldly perception.

You know, if he says, my kingdom is not of this earth, if it were, my people would fight for me. And yet the very people that are out there to witness have like the American flag posted all over their cars. And think that self-defense is okay.

But the main emphasis is that you must be saved. You must be saved and that surely if you are trying to pursue God at all. Then you must not be saved.

Like if you cannot have this defining moment of salvation, then surely you're not walking after God. Where would we get these perceptions? Because we don't see that in Christ's word. Like so many times through the gospels do you see, do, act, follow.

But we, but is it just the backgrounds that we come from or like the preconceived conceptions that we have? Like when we came to the act of baptism into the faith, did we actually sacrifice everything that we needed to sacrifice? Or do we still have this extra perception there? Did we truly die to our old selves? Or did we accept somebody else's explanation for what the gospel needed to be defined as? So I just, I just, I really appreciate the sentiment of like just simply accepting Christ's words. Not having to explain away anything by just accepting it for what it says. So little confusion is there when you can just come to it as a little child and not add anything to it by just let God work.

God bless you all. Thank you brother Walt. There's so many profound points.

So maybe a brother could give a lesson sometime on testing. You know, testing and some people are tested a lot stronger than others. And some appear that they're never tested but we know that God chastens all those who he loves and all those who, well all those will be tested.

I mean how could you hear well done faithful servant, well done faithful servant if there wasn't some testing. There's obedience of course but that's a tough one that only God can I guess sort through. Abraham, he's going to direct his family, I know him and all that.

Then he was tested rough. Paul was told by Inan and I said I'm going to show him how many things he'll suffer for my namesake. I'm sure that when we're all baptized or when we all come to the Lord we thought this is the peak.

And it hasn't begun yet. You know you can get tempted soon and tested and brought down and just to find out well this is the beginning. Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego and Daniel and so many others.

But the testing, Philadelphia got a clean slate, Smyrna had to suffer for 10 days. What's the diff? I mean does God know if you're borderline? So I'll test you or maybe just leave you alone. But everyone will be tested and God's fairness and judgment is perfect and ours is imperfect.

But I honor things in prayer and Bible study, blessed is the man who studies day and night. A fellowship, we can never get enough fellowship with each other. Evangelism, appreciate you Rob going out last night, Harvey and Daniel and everyone who goes out.

And let's always do that when we work. And fellowship of course and breaking of bread. And today we may have feet washing.

You know Jews and Baptists, they look at feet washing as being an act of continual cleansing. However they get that, maybe they're way over my head but an act of continual cleansing. As Peter said, Jesus said

to Peter, those who are clean, how do you say, you know need to this but you just wash only.

They have a kind of ironic, not ironic, a different view on feet washing than any other group I've ever heard of. But maybe they're right. But anyway, thanks brother Walter, the Lord be magnified.

Thank you everybody. And yeah, what I've been going through lately is how the Lord teaches us and how we hearken unto Him. Like the fruits of the spirit, love, peace, joy, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance.

And you know like things at work, I want to check the phone often to see what time it is for lunch. But little voice going in my head, patient, just be patient, don't worry. Or things at work when I just, I want to speak up.

And temperance, self-control, you know meekness, be humble. So we should always hearken to how the Lord teaches us. Like you said, He chastises the ones He loves.

And sometimes I feel when I'm being chastised, I feel like man. You know when Aaron showed me this thing on Facebook, this guy was writing, he said don't confuse chastisement with abandonment. And you know that's how Satan works.

Sometimes I felt that often, like oh the Lord abandons us, but no, He chastises us, He teaches us. And that's why in the church there's teachers. Those who teach, you know we need to be teaching the truth and truthful things.

You know, knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth. Let all things be done unto edification. So I feel like the Lord, you know, He teaches us things.

Love and peace, joy, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. Praise the Lord for changing my life and being with you guys, brothers and sisters. You guys are a blessing and praise the Lord.

I was sharing this letter from Boswell, Nicaragua. I'm not going to read all of it, but just a little insight on how things work out. Coronavirus hits Boswell.

Believe it or not, it's true. COVID-19 smashed through the city of Boswell a few weeks ago and since. It surged through our churches like some vicious storm.

But I'm here to testify that God saw us through and that we are alive and well. How do we know that we had coronavirus? No, not because we got tested. There is no way of getting tested in Roswell.

But after seeing how extremely contagious the bug was and how the symptoms, though somewhat diverse, all pointed toward COVID-19. It became increasingly clear. I would say that since there is little done to prevent getting infected in Roswell, over 90% of the adults in our church got sick.

And I would guess 90% of everyone else did too. But the good news is that for most of us it wasn't worse than just a bad cold. I was half sick for about three days.

I slept a lot, swallowed pills like a chicken swallows corn. The local hospital had a list of recommended meds for the pandemic that was roaring through. An antibiotic, a parasite treatment, and they often included chloroquine, however you say that word.

I never really stopped working. In other words, my wife and I never did actually get bad enough to stay in bed. We did suffer some unhandy symptoms for two weeks.

The virus really does hang in for a long time and does not like to let its victims loose. But otherwise our encounter with the virus was mild. Some of our brethren hardly found out that they had coronavirus since their symptoms were not severe.

Most got achy and had a dry cough, sore throat, runny fever, had diarrhea, or were feeling tired. And most of us lost our smell. To the point that when someone got sick and someone said, Is it coronavirus? We all answered, Absolutely.

I lost my smell and my taste. Even the local bank now makes a person identify smells before it lets you in its door. But yes, there was a group of our people that got hit harder.

There were four brethren that got very sick. As we prayed and waited, we wondered if someone from among us would die. Then there's the names of all these four people that I find difficult to pronounce.

All four of these were pretty sick for two weeks, but none got to the place where they would have needed a ventilator. During this time, no one wanted to go to the hospital. We were hearing stories how other parts of Nicaragua people were dying.

And when they hit the hospital, they were not able to see their family again. They got quite lonely burials, and that is almost more than Nicaraguans can bear. We have heard of several deaths here in Vezuela, but really the percentage was extremely low.

I guess I figure that these people were just plain too tough to die. Even though people fought for their lives and made it. So the main thing I have to say today is that we praise God.

Praise the Lord for delivering His people in this place. Then it goes on to say, I'm happy to be together. Then just several words of advice for you that have governments that help you prevent or prolong getting this to cease.

Do not bow to the demon of fear. This would be what stands out to me, that in all these things, we do not need to bow down in fear to anything. There is just so much talk and fear, and it can creep among us if we allow it to.

Don't bow to the demon of fear. God already knows how hard you will get it, and will be there with you 24-7. And though I believe everyone will be exposed to it at one time or another, as I told the ones that were really sick, God knows when your time is to go home.

So all you need to do is be ready. If one of your number gets called home, bless the Lord that carries the keys of death and haze. Please don't get political.

The devil has turned this pandemic into an awful political mess. It is sick that you can hardly believe anyone, because so many are using it for their political gain. Brethren, to me it is very sad when God's people do that.

Pray that God do with the coronavirus what He wants among the nations. But focus on you what He wants to do in you. Anyway, there's more, but I thought I'd at least share that.

And I guess as far as I'm concerned, anybody can read the whole thing. Thank you. God of shadows, God of skies, But a smile to make me rise in a way.

God of doubt, Lord of fear, God of sight, Lord of tears, Can abide while we trust and obey. Trust and obey. But we never can be sure, And the joy in these souls Harder than good will trust and obey.

Trust and obey. For there's no other way To be happy in Jesus, But to trust and obey. Then in fellowship sweet, We must stand at His feet, Follow on by His side in the way.

What He says we will do, Where He says we will go, Never fear, only trust and obey. Trust and obey. For there's no other way, But to trust and obey.

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The Lord hath what danger lay, But that in His armoured flag Big be o'er the foe, His hands have heard us call. Let us stretch our hands today, Those with heavy burdens lay, Give our lives a sacrifice, And fulfil the law of Christ, Our King, just Lord. Journey forth with me again, Life and breath and the words of God's own Son, Judge us for what we have done, Have mercy, Lord.

Let us all keep watch and pray, May His Spirit guide the way. Till we congregate once more, Near or on the other shore, Unite us whole. When brethren of His soul Be punished at home and home, Memorise, disciples, we become As Father, and Father, and the Son, Great Jesus, that we all Be one in humanity.

We behold how good and pleasant it is When together brethren dwell in unity. Like a boy in my fold we stand, We send our heiress crowned, Cross through His beard unto His throne. A fragrance sweet the body knows, Its members all in one are called In unity.

We behold how good and pleasant it is When together brethren dwell in unity. I do a nervous still, Down over Zion's hill, It blesses those who dwell thereon Who live no more for self alone, And on they end on a dare, O sweet unity. We behold how good and pleasant it is When together brethren dwell in unity.

If not a perfect love, Instead there's more above, For earthly nations, cultures, tongues, The brethren's hearts and souls are one, A song in harmony, A song of unity. We behold how good and pleasant it is When together brethren dwell in unity. Extol the love of Christ, Ye saints and singers, Choirs, words, Whose love, my God, Eternal is, In heaven and on earth, From God, He bought His blessing rare, To earth all He did ascend, And comes to make His heavenly love Be love into the end.

Extol the love which God did show Of Father's boundless grace, The Son from Mother's bosom come, Behold the Father's face, And serve no partners, But upon His humble service be, The Master love that God did love, And watch His servants be. The Lord has never Unrecerted or by the mean, He has heavenly glory Shared with those who would His favor see, The Lord teach, my saints, In me to know The fullness of Thy love, The fellowship Thy servants mark, Thy holy pride above. Let for a man An example take man From his thriving hand, For as for a rager Is a man, For servants that ascend, An example worthy Christ has given, When marriage shall they be, To watch each other's feet And love as deep and true as deep.

Christ in the night He was betrayed, For us a plain example they be, To the private room retired With those He afterwards inspired, The natural peace was there With every man, Lord and servant, Mutual share.

Before His suffering Was His will, His great desire He should fulfill. He rose and laid His garments on, And bread and water Were not due.

Through His love He blindly sweeps To do what His servants did. So whether He had Washed their feet, Resumed His farm, And took His seat, He asked them, If they not have loved One lesson, May He hear at all. Example divine unto you, As I have come, So He should you.

Then He gave them My servant, He obeyed my word And followed me. Amen.

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